

# Troutman Pepper Cannabis Communications Newsletter — September 19, 2024

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Troutman Pepper's Cannabis Practice helps clients throughout their business cycle enter or expand into the cannabis space. Our team combines the resources of attorneys in areas such as licensing and taxation, regulatory compliance, corporate and transactional, intellectual property, and real estate, among others, to provide comprehensive services.

Our Cannabis Practice provides advice on issues related to applicable federal and state law. Marijuana remains an illegal controlled substance under federal law.

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## CANNABIS REGULATORY UPDATES

### MISSOURI GOVERNOR'S EFFORTS TO BAN UNREGULATED PSYCHOACTIVE CANNABIS PRODUCTS MEETS RESISTANCE

By Jean Smith-Gonnell, [Jeff Johnson](#), and [Nick Ramos](#)

On August 1, Missouri Governor Michael Parson issued [Executive Order 24-10](#) (the EO), a bold move aimed at addressing consumer safety concerns surrounding unregulated psychoactive cannabis products. The EO sparked a legal battle with the Missouri Hemp Trade Association (MO Hemp), which claims that by designating these products as adulterated and imposing an embargo under the EO, the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services (DHSS) violated Missouri law. The governor's action is yet another example of a state taking aggressive steps to address gaps left by the lack of federal regulations to ensure consumer safety in the burgeoning industrial hemp industry.

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